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BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people living below the poverty line in various States during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of the areas where more than 40 per cent people are living below the poverty line, State-wise; and

(c) the guidelines proposed in the Ninth Five Year Plan for development of these areas on priority basis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) : The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from the largesample survey data on consumer expenditure collected by the National Sample SurveyOrganisation. These surveys are conducted once in approximately five years. During the period of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992 to 1997), the estimates of poverty are available onlyfor the year 1993-94 based on the National Sample Survey data on consumer expenditure of the 50th Round. These are given in the Annexure.

(b) : In rural areas, the states which have more than 40% of their population below poverty line in 1993-94 are: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya,Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Dadra and Nagar Haveli. In urban areas, the states which have more than 40% of their population below poverty line in 1993-94 are: Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa.

(c) : No separate guidelines have been prepared for the States/UTs with more than 40% people living below the poverty line. However, the Ninth Plan has adopted a three-pronged action to alleviate and reduce the poverty in the country. These are:
(i) acceleration of economic growth,
(ii) human, and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting of the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status of the weaker sections of the society, etc., and
(iii) direct attack on poverty through employment and income generating programmes and assets-building for the poor. These plans are implemented for all the states.

ANNEXURE

Number and Percentage of Population Below Poverty Line by States - 1993-94

S.No.	State	Rural		Urban		Combined	
		No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons
1.	Andhra Pradesh	79.49	15.92	74.47	38.33	153.97	22.19
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.62	45.01	0.11	7.73	3.73	39.35
3.	Assam	94.33	45.01	2.03	7.73	96.36	40.86
4.	Bihar	450.86	58.21	42.49	34.5	493.35	54.96
5.	Goa	0.38	5.34	1.53	27.03	1.91	14.92
6.	Gujarat	62.16	22.18	43.02	27.89	105.19	24.21

7 Haryana 36.56 28.02 7.31 16.38 43.88 25.05

8. Himachal Pradesh 15.4 30.34 0.46 9.18 15.86 28.44

9. Jammu & Kashmir 19.05 30.34 1.86 9.18 20.92 25.17
10. Karnataka 95.99 29.88 60.46 40.14 156.46 33.16
11. Kerala 55.95 25.76 20.46 24.55 76.41 25.43
12. Madhya Pradesh 216.19 40.64 82.33 48.38 298.52 42.52
13. Maharashtra 193.33 37.93 111.9 35.15 305.22 36.86
14. Manipur 6.33 45.01 0.47 7.73 6.8 33.78
15. Meghalaya 7.09 45.01 0.29 7.73 7.38 37.92
16. Mizoram 1.64 45.01 0.3 7.73 1.94 25.66
17. Nagaland 4.85 45.01 0.2 7.73 5.05 37.92
18. Orissa 140.9 49.72 19.7 41.64 160.6 48.56
19. Punjab 17.76 11.95 7.35 11.35 25.11 11.77
20. Rajasthan 94.68 26.46 33.82 30.49 128.5 27.41
21. Sikkim 1.81 45.01 0.03 7.73 1.84 41.43
22. Tamil Nadu 121.7 32.48 80.4 39.77 202.1 35.03
23. Tripura 11.41 45.01 0.38 7.73 11.79 39.01
24. Uttar Pradesh 496.17 42.28 108.28 35.39 604.46 40.85
25. West Bengal 209.9 40.8 44.66 22.41 254.56 35.66
26. Andaman & Nicobar 0.73 32.48 0.33 39.77 1.06 34.47
27. Chandigarh 0.07 11.35 0.73 11.35 0.8 11.35
28. Dadra & N. Haveli 0.72 51.95 0.06 39.93 0.77 50.84
29. Daman & Diu 0.03 5.34 0.15 27.03 0.18 15.8
30. Delhi 0.19 1.9 15.32 16.03 15.51 14.69
31. Lakshadweep 0.06 25.76 0.08 24.55 0.14 25.04
32. Pondicherry 0.93 32.48 2.38 39.77 3.31 37.4

All India 2440.31 37.27 763.37 32.36 3203.68 35.97

1 `Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh,Meghalaya,`
`Mizoram,Manipur,Nagaland and Tripura.`
2 Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.
3 Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshdweep.
4 Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.
5 Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of
Chandigarh.
6 Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to
estimate poverty ratio of Goa.
7 Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli
is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
8 Poverty Ratio of Himachal Pradesh is used for Jammu & Kashmir.